

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
ARTS COMMISSION
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Special Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, November 28, 2005
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to Order at 7:00pm

II. Phantom Art Gallery Opening

The Commission hosted Milpitas Residents, Sandra Askin and Alice Woodrow's Phantom Art Gallery Exhibit, Art Creates Friendship. Mrs. Askin and Mrs. Woodrow thanked the Commission and the City of Milpitas for the opportunity.

III. Flag Salute The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call Commissioners Present: Ettinger, Foulk, Hicks, McGuire, Ogle, Rabe and Alternates Aragon and Butler

Commissioner Absent: Hays

City Staff Present: Recreation Services Supervisor, Kathleen Yurchak, Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano

V. Seating of Alternates

The Chair sat Alternate Butler in Commissioner Hays Absence.

VI. Approval of Agenda **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for November 28, 2005.

M/S: Hicks/Ettinger Ayes: All

VII. Approval of Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of October 24, 2005.

M/S: Hicks/Ettinger Ayes: All

VIII. Citizens Forum No members from the audience wished to speak.

IX. Announcements Correspondence

Commissioners announced the following current and upcoming art shows:

- De Young Museum – San Francisco – Egyptian Exhibit (Current)
- African Oral History – San Francisco (Current)
- Cresh Exhibit – Palo Alto – Nativity Scenes (December 7th)

Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, announced that she would pass around the volunteer sign-up sheet for the 05-06 CASP Events. She stressed the importance of attending the events they are signed up for, as it is important to the Commission and the grantees that they attend and observe.

X. Old Business

1. Work Plan

No Commissioners had anything to report.

XI. New Business

1. Discuss the Arts Commission Meeting Schedule

Supervisor, Kathleen Yurchak, explained to the Commission that Staff is recommending that the Arts Commission and the Public Art Committee (PAC) alternate meeting months so that the Arts Commission would meet in February, April, June, August, October and December. Commissioner Rabe said she feels the Commission should not function at 50% due to their new role on the PAC. The Arts Commission would still have obligations and duties they need to attend to.

Council Member Giordano, stated that there are many other Commissions that meet every other month and that it makes sense for the Arts Commission to change their Bylaws and do the same. The Commission does not want to burn themselves out when the workload of the PAC is still unknown.

Recreation Supervisor Yurchak explained that their meetings would be hearty and they would still be working on their subcommittees on a regular basis. The Commission also has the opportunity to request a Special Meeting should something that needs immediate attention arise.

Chairperson Foulk suggested that the Commission and PAC meetings be combined in one night. Commissioner McGuire stated that the two should be kept separate.

Recreation Supervisor Yurchak reiterated that this would change the Arts Commission Bylaws but should meeting every other month not work out, they can always go to Council and request to have monthly meetings re-instated.

MOTION to approve changing the Arts Commission meeting to every other month, effective January 2006.

M/S: Ettinger/Ogle

Ayes: Butler, Ettinger, Foulk, Hicks, McGuire, Ogle,

Nays: Rabe

MOTION to recommend to City Council updating the Arts Commission Bylaws to reflect the meeting months as follows: February, April, June, August, October and December

M/S: Hicks/McGuire

Ayes: Butler, Ettinger, Foulk, Hicks, McGuire, Ogle,

Nays: Rabe

2. Tea in the Trees Event Update

Commissioner Rabe informed the Commission that the planning and preparation for the Tea was going great and they only had 29 tickets left to sell. She thanked all those who helped assemble the centerpieces. Set-up on Friday, December 9th will be from 5-9pm and everyone should arrive on December 10th at 10am. Commissioner Rabe asked the Commission if they would be willing to agree to donate the monies earned from the Tea to the Milpitas Community Concert Band as they were one of the programs de-funded and have an increasing number of children in their band.

Chairperson Foulk stated that he liked the fact that the money would be going to

a specific program. The Commission asked what the money should go towards. Staff explained that the band members currently pay tuition that goes to their instructor fees, so the money could be well spent on music, or miscellaneous supplies.

MOTION to donate Tea in the Tree monies to the Milpitas Community Concert Band, to be used towards the purchase of supplies.

Commissioner Ogle stated that the Milpitas Camera Club President, Ted Armstrong, has offered all proceeds the Camera Club receives for taking pictures at the event be given to the Arts Commission for their cause.

3. Create a Letter of Interest to Determine the City's Interest in Planning for a Performing Arts Center

The Commission reviewed the enclosed draft letter from Chairperson Bill Foulk to City Manager, Charles Lawson. Commissioner Ettinger made a small correction paragraph II., 2nd sentence, to add "to" after "prior."

Commissioner Rabe stated that the letter was premature and that the Commission shouldn't send anything before they have done more research.

MOTION to send the amended letter to the City Manager.

M/S: Ogle/Hicks

Ayes: Butler, Ettinger, Foulk, Hicks, McGuire, Ogle,

Nays: Rabe

XI. Staff Reports

Supervisor Yurchak announced the following upcoming Special Events:

- Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 1st – 7pm – Milpitas City Hall
- Milk and Cookies with Santa – December 10th – 11am - MCC
- Tea in the Trees – December 10th – 4pm – City Hall Rotunda
- CASP Hiyas Philippine Folk Dance – December 3rd – 3pm - MCC

XII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

City Council Liaison, Giordano announced the following:

At the November 1, 2005, Council meeting:

- Approved the Heritage Tree Program
- Accepting the City's Financial status report – over 1million dollars as previously projected
- Approved the adoption of "no smoking" in parks and public events

At the November 15, 2005, Council meeting:

- Presentation of Neighborhood Beautification Awards
- Approved tentative map of new condos located at S. Main and Montague Expy.
- Approved portion of Weller/Winsor Lane for new Library construction
- Approved low income senior housing proposal from Senior Housing Solutions

Council Member Giordano explained this company purchases a single family home in the area and converts it into Senior Living where several Milpitas Seniors will be able to live at a reduced cost.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

None

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm to their next regularly scheduled meeting on February 27, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lorentzen
Recording Secretary